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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 116: PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997 (continued)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.63 concerning agenda item 37 (A/C.5/51/43)

1. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the General Assembly, by draft resolution A/51/L.63, intended to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS) in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH). The mandate of the United Nations component of MICIVIH would be renewed for a period of seven months to 31 July 1997, with the possibility of a further extension until 31 December 1997.

2. The Secretary-General had estimated at $3,400,400, net of staff assessment, the additional requirements for the extension of MICIVIH, of which $2.9 million would cover the personnel costs connected with the continuation of the current establishment of 116 posts. Administrative backstopping would continue to be provided by the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH). However, the extent of such support would need to be examined in the light of the future of UNSMIH, whose mandate ran until 31 May 1997.

3. The General Assembly had authorized commitments of $6,278,900 gross for the period 8 February to 31 December 1996 in its resolutions 50/86 B and 50/231. The actual commitment entered into by the Secretary-General for that period had amounted to $5,533,300 gross ($4,931,400 net), which had been requested for appropriation in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1996-1997. The Advisory Committee had reviewed the estimates with the representatives of the Secretary-General and had concluded that some savings were possible in such areas as travel and consultancy costs.

4. In so far as the mandate of MICIVIH was likely to be extended beyond 31 July 1997, the Advisory Committee had not recommended any reductions of the estimates provided in the Secretary-General's statement. The Advisory Committee had requested that any savings which might arise should be reflected in the next submission of the MICIVIH budget. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/51/L.63, an additional appropriation of $3,400,400 would be required for 1997 under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. An additional appropriation of $365,900 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. Such requirements should be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

5. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, on the basis of the Secretary-General's statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/51/43) and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should draft resolution A/51/L.63 be adopted, an additional

appropriation of $3,400,400 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; that an additional appropriation of $365,900 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment; and that the additional requirements should be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

6. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 141: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES (continued) (A/C.5/51/L.19)

Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.19

7. Ms. ARAGON (Philippines) introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.19, whereby the General Assembly would decide to continue its consideration of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services during its resumed fifty-first session.

8. Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.19 was adopted.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.